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1. SPC AGAIN CONSIDERED DRAFT GUIDANCE TO AHG RE COLLECTIVE  
COMMITMENT TO THE COMMON CEILING ON APRIL 10.

2. U.S. REP (MOORE) STATED U.S. OPPOSITION TO THE FIRST SENTENCE  
IN THE UK FIRST PARA (PARA 2, REF A), IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF B,  
ON GROUNDS THAT THIS SENTENCE WAS NOT NECESSARY TO RESPOND TO  
AHG REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE ON HOW COMMON CEILING WOULD BE COMPLIED  
WITH, AND WOULD DIVERT ATTENTION FROM THE MAIN POINT THE AHG  
WISHED TO MAKE REGARDING THE WORKABILITY OF THE COMMON CEILING.

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UK REP (BAILES) DEFENDED THAT SENTENCE AS PART OF A FULL INTRO-  
DUCTION OF THE GUIDANCE. FRG REP (HOYNCK) AND BELIGAN REP (BURNY)  
SAID THAT WHETHER THIS SENTENCE WAS IN OR OUT DID NOT MATTER  
TO THEM. FOLLOWING THE MEETING, UK REP TOLD US PRIVATELY THAT SHE

WOUD SEE IF LONDON COULD AGREE TO DELETING THE SENTENCE, AND WOULD LET U.S. MISSION KNOW THE RESPONSE ON FRIDAY, APRIL 11. IF UK CONTINUES TO WANT THIS SENTENCE, MISSION WILL THEN SUGGEST DELETION OF THE WORD "FIGURE" PER REF B.

3. FRG REP SAID THAT IF THE FIRST SENTENCE STAYED IN, HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD WANT TO INSERT, "AFTER" THE WESTERN "EASTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS WOULD UNDERTAKE, "THE WORDS" IN THE SECOND PHASE". IN THE SECOND SENTENCE, AFTER "REDUCTIONS OF THE GROUND FORCES, INSERT "PERSONNEL" FOR THE SAME REASON,

5. THE ONLY OTHER DISAGREED SECTION OF THE DRAFT GUIDANCE IS THE U.S. PARA ((D) RE THE MAILING ADDRESS (I.E. PARA (\$) IN FIRST "OR" SECTION OF TEXT IN REF C). GREEK REP (CORANTIS) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES WISHED THIS PARA TO SAY " ON BEHALF OF ALL WESTERN PARITICPANTS" INSTEAD OF "ON BEHALF OF THE WESTERN PARITICPANTS". THIS WAS TO ESTABLISH THAT THE FLANK COUNTRIES WOULD BE PRESENT. RE BELGIAN OPPOSITION TO THIS PARA, FRG REP AND UK REP STATED THE BELIEF OF THEIR AUTHORITIES, AS U.S. REP HAD DONE AT PREVIOUS MEETING, THAT THE UNDETAILED U.S. PARA (D) DID NOT PREJUDICE MBFR INSTITUTIONALIZATION OR CSCE FOLLOW-ON. FRG, UK, U.S., AND NETHERLANDS REP EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS PARA IN PRESSING THE OTHER SIDE ON THE COMMON CILIING CONCEPT.

5. BELGIAN REP STRESSED THE CONCERN OF HIS AUTHORITIES THAT THE UNDETAILED U.S. PARA WOULD LEAD THE EAST TO RAISE QUESTIONS, WHICH WOULD LEAD TO A RREATURE DISCUSSION OF INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF MBFR. UK REP SUGGESTED A FOOTNOTE THAT THE AHG SHOULD NOT GO BEYOND THE U.S. PARA, IN ORDER TO MEET BELGIAN CONCERN. U.S. REP NOTED THAT U.S., LIKE BELGIUM, DID NOT WANT DETAILED DISCUSSION OF FOLLOW-ON MACHINERY WITH THE EAST AT THIS TIME. HE SUPPORTED UK REP'S SUGGESTION. FRG AND NETHERLANDS REPS DID ALSO.

6. SPC WORKED OUT THE FOLLOWING FOOTNOTE WHICH BELGIAN REP SAID HE WOULD SUBMIT TO HIS AUTHORITIES: (FOR INFORMATION OF AD HOC GROUP ONLY). ALLIED NEGOTIATORS SHOULD NOT GO BEYOND THIS GENERAL FORMULATION WHICH IS DESIGNED AS AN ANSWER TO THE QUESTION OF TO SECRET

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WHOM COMPLAINTS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED, AND SHOULD REFUSE TO BE DRAWN BY THE EAST INTO ANY DETAILED DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS. FURTHER ALLIANCE STUDY WILL BE REQUIRED ON THIS ISSUE WHEN MORE IS KNOWN ABOUT THE FORM AND CONTENT OF EVENTUAL MBRR AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING ASSOCIATED MEASURES. ACTING CHAIRMAN (PABSCH) ALSO SUGGESTED AMENDING PARA (D) BY INSERTING / COMMUNICATIONS WIIHTH REGARD TO" PRIOR TO""QUESTIONS" IN ORDER TO EMPHASIZE THAT PARA ONLY REFERRED TO MAILING ADDRESS.

7. FRG REP SAID HE WAS SURE HIS AUTHORITIES COULD ACCEPT THE FIRST SENTENCE OF THE FOOTNOTE, BUT HE WAS LESS SURE ABOUT THE SECOND. BELIGAN REP SAID THE SECOND SENTENCE WULD BE VERY IMPORTANT TO HIS AUTHORITEIS. BELGIAN REP ALSO MADE CLEAR THAT HIS AUTHORITIES HAD

NOT YET WITHDRAWN THEIR SUPPORT FRM THE BELGIAN "TREATY LANGUAGE"  
ALTERNATIVE.

8. SPC WILL NEXT CONSIDER THIS ISSUE ON MONDAY, APRIL 14. SEVERAL  
SPC MEMBERS NOW HOPE THAT SPC CAN REACH AGREEMENT ON DRAFT GUIDANCE  
AT THAT MEETING. AND THAT THE NAC CAN CONSIDER AND APPROVE IT  
ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16.

9. ACTION REQUESTED: MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE IN TIME  
FOR SPC MEETING MMONDAY APRIL 14. MISSION WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW  
GUIDANCE IN REF B REGARDING UK FIRST SENTENCE. IF THE RESLT IS  
THE UK FIRST SENTENCE WITH DELETION OF THE WORD"FIGURE" MISSION  
WOULD ASSUME FRG AMMENDMENT IN PARA 3 ABOVE IS ACCEPTABLE. FRG  
AMENDMENT OF THE SECOND SENTENCE AS DESCRIBED IN PARA 3 ABOVE, WOULD  
ALSO SEEM ACCEPTABLE. GREEK AMENDMENT OF THE U.S. PARA (D)  
AS DESCRIBED IN PARA 4 ABOVE APPEARS CONSISTENT WITH OUR  
INSUTRCUTIONS. MISSION RECOMMENDS ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOOTNOTE  
FOR INFORMATION OF AHG AS QUOTED IN PARA 6 ABOVE IF THIS WILL  
ENABLE BELIGUM TO ACCEPT THE U.S. PARA (D). ACTING CHAIRMAN'S  
SUGGESTION IN PARA 6 ABOVE SEEMS TO US UNLIKELY TO MAKE MUCH  
DIFFERENCE WITH BELGIANS, BUT WE ASSUME WE CAN ACCEPT IT  
IF IT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE.  
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